

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 131, "Emergency Medical Services Provider Education/Training/Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 131 describe the standards for the education, training, and certification of emergency medical providers and establish a standard of conduct for training programs, students, and providers. These proposed amendments update disciplinary rules for providers and eliminate the fee for retirement of an EMS certification.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before October 14, 2008. Such written comments should be directed to Kirk Schmitt, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to kschmitt@idph.state.ia.us.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147A.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **131.4(3)"h"** as follows:

h. An individual may request an inactive or retired status for a certificate. The request must be made ~~to the department in writing~~ by submitting a change of status request, available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of EMS, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the bureau of EMS Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems). ~~A certification card reflecting the inactive or retired status may be issued to the individual for a fee of \$30.~~ Reinstatement of an inactive or retired certificate shall be made pursuant to 131.4(3) "*f*." A request for inactive or retired status, when accepted in connection with a disciplinary investigation or proceeding, has the same effect as an order of revocation.

ITEM 2. Rescind paragraph **131.4(8)"f."**

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **131.7(2)"u"** as follows:

u. Having certification to practice emergency medical care suspended or revoked, or having other disciplinary action taken by a licensing or certifying authority of this state or another state, territory or country. A ~~certified~~ copy of the record or order of suspension, revocation or disciplinary action is conclusive or prima facie evidence.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new paragraph **131.7(2)"ab"**:

ab. Failure to respond within 30 days of receipt, unless otherwise specified, of communication from the department which was sent by registered or certified mail.